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FROM THE MAYOR

Happy Birthday University Park! The State Legislature passed the ordinance creating the Town on April 13, 1936. The Governor promptly signed the bill and the Town conducted a referendum on June 29, agreeing to the incorporation and the charter by a vote of 144 to 33. The first Mayor was sworn into office on August 3 and the Council held its first meeting on August 6, 1936. The Town will kick off our celebration of the 75th Anniversary on April 9 as a part of the 10th Annual Azalea Classic.

Congratulations to the University Park Woman's Club, which celebrated their 70th Anniversary on March 27. The Town Council passed a proclamation honoring this group on March 21. Chartered by the General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the world's oldest

and largest women's service organizations in the world with clubs in all 50 states and over 12 countries, since in 1941 the UP Woman's Club has been a crucial part of the fabric of our community throughout its existence. Its history will be a prominent part of the 75th Anniversary exhibit on display later this year.

A tip of the hat to Suellen Ferguson, a long-time resident of the Town and former Council Member, for her 25 years of service as the Town Attorney. She was honored for her service at the Town Council Meeting of March 21, when she was presented with a plaque and words of gratitude from some of those who have worked with her, hopefully much to her surprise.

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Town Meetings & Special Dates

Town Council	April 4 & 11
Election Deadline	April 4
STEP-UP Workshop	April 9

Town meetings are at 7:30 PM at Univ. Park Elem. School. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please request interpreting services 10 days in advance. Council agendas are posted at www.upmd.org and on the Town Hall bulletin board Fridays prior to meetings.

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Congratulations to the UPES PTA on a very successful and fun silent auction on February 26. There were lots of great items, good music, and wonderful company. The \$12,000+ raised at the event should go a long way to support worthy programs at the school.

Chesapeake Bay Trust Fund Grant It is with pleasure that we announce that the Town recently received a \$30,000 grant to design a bioretention cell at the intersection of QCR and Route 1 and to create a green street concept plan for a section of QCR. The development of plans for transforming QCR into a green street will make the Town eligible for further financial assistance to carry out the construction work in the near future. Thank you to Mickey Beall, the Town's PW director, for organizing the proposal effort.

Budget Update You may be curious as to how our budget planning is proceeding. As this writing, the basic proposed operating budget will be balanced as required by our charter without using reserves to achieve the balance. Two factors complicate this picture and will be reflected in the budget that will be submitted to the Council in their packets on March 30. They are the cost of street repairs and inflation.



While the final proposed budget will include street repairs, this will cause us to draw on the street maintenance reserves. However, these reserves are insufficient to cover the full cost of the proposed street repairs; as a consequence, it is likely that the Town will have to float a bond. This will have consequences for future budgets that will have to be carefully weighed. In addition, the cost of labor and supplies is problematic. Both the consumer and producer price indexes have climbed fairly steeply during the past two months. Whether these are the consequence of the unsettled situation in the Middle East and the tragedy in Japan is unclear, but we will have to monitor them carefully.

To facilitate discussion of these critical budget issues, on February 28 I requested that the Council form a three-member ad hoc Budget Committee. On March 7, the Town Council voted to approve such a committee consisting of Council Members Mallino, Lucas, and Toscano. The Committee expects to meet two-three times between April 4 and May 17, when the budget is adopted. This will allow the Council and the public to consider the budget in depth without delaying or interfering with other Council matters that require a full voting quorum.

United States Census 2010 The Census Bureau has finally started to post data from the 2010 census for geographic places, such as University Park. For those

of you who are interested, I have posted the data for University Park, Prince George's County, and Maryland on my Mayor's Blog. If you wish to explore the data in depth or compare our Town to other jurisdictions, you can find the data at www.factfinder2.census.gov.

The proposed public school budget would reduce support for athletic activities at the middle school level, for music and the arts in general, and school media center staff. It is ironic that as they do this, a major report was just published in Sweden that indicates that exposure to physical training, music, and computer activities, the latter of which are often taught by media staff, are critical to the development of the brain and cognitive skills among children.



Enjoy the first touches of spring and the beautiful flowers that it brings. Hope to see you around Town. And as always, drive carefully and take care of yourselves.

John Rogard Tabori

FROM THE CHIEF

Spring is the time to get busy in our yards and gardens. Whatever your reason for being outdoors, always take precautions to make your days safe and enjoyable. When you hire someone to do your yard work, UPPD encourages you to take the extra care to know who is working in or around your home. Ask the people you hire to provide adequate identification, including address and phone number. Don't be afraid to ask for a photo ID.

Remember, door-to-door salesmen and panhandlers are more numerous in good weather. If they knock on your door, please ask them if they have written permission to solicit before buying or donating to their cause. The UPPD will gladly come out to verify their credentials, so you are encouraged to contact us if you notice them going to homes in UP.

Every spring, many of us strive to make our town beautiful. The UPPD is asking you to rid your driveways of any untagged, unregistered and inoperative vehicles. They are an eyesore and also not permitted by town code. The fine for this violation is hefty and often times more than the vehicle is worth. Be proactive and find a place to donate your vehicle before April 15 as a tax deduction. A clean town is a safe town.

Flowers and trees will bloom, the grass will turn green and the Azalea Classic will host many of the runners in and around town. The race impacts most of the town in some way. Signs will remind residents along Queens Chapel Rd. not to park on the street the morning of the event. With no cars parked on Queens Chapel and hundreds of people walking and running down the road, it's a wonderful sight.

Lock your doors and windows in your home as well as your car. Use your steering wheel club and keep your valuables out of sight within your vehicle or in the house and do not leave change in your console trays. Update your inventory list of your valuables by documenting the serial numbers and keeping a photograph of the item. Be aware of suspicious activity around your home and the community. If you see suspicious activity, make notes of the following details: gender, height, weight and clothing of people, make, model, tag number and occupants of vehicles.

While driving, walking, biking or jogging through town take note and report suspicious activity to the UPPD.

The UPPD e-list is used to notify residents of crime alerts for incidents. To be added to the list, submit your name, address, email and contact phone number. Provide the information by mail, e-mail or phone and be added to the UPPD e-list.

CRIME REPORT

Robbery On February 10 at approximately 4:15 PM the victim was walking home from Northwestern High School and was stopped by three Hispanic males near the corner of 40th & Van Buren St. One of the suspects pulled out a folding knife and demanded the victim's money. The suspects took the property and ran toward Adelphi Rd. The UPPD and Prince George's County Police responded and canvassed the area for possible suspects with negative results. The victim was not injured during the incident. The investigation is ongoing.

Breaking and Entering In the 4200 block of Sheridan St., a friend of the homeowner determined that between February 10 1:30 PM and February 11 1:30 PM the residence had been broken into while the homeowner was out of town. It was discovered that suspect/s entered the home by breaking a side window. Upon return, the resident reported that several items of jewelry and a Dell laptop computer had been stolen. The scene was processed for fingerprints and the neighborhood was canvassed for witnesses. No suspect/s was located at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

Robbery On February 22 at approximately 12:30 PM, Hyattsville City PD responded to a call regarding the robbery of a cabdriver. The suspects were followed by the cabdriver to Toledo Rd. & Belcrest Rd. Two Hispanic males, one juvenile and one adult from Wheaton, MD were arrested. It was later determined that the incident occurred in the 3900 block of Tennyson Rd. Case Closed. An investigation is ongoing to determine if these suspects were responsible for other robberies in the area.

Anyone with tips regarding crimes committed in town is encouraged to contact the UPPD. All information will be kept confidential. **Callers wishing to remain anonymous may**

- ◆ Call Crime Solvers at 1-866-411 TIPS (8477)
- ◆ Text PGPD plus your tip to CRIMES (274637) on your cell phone
- ◆ Visit to <http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/police/> and submit a tip online.



Workshop: Getting Started with Home Energy Efficiency Saturday, April 9, 1-2 PM

Please join us for STEP-UP's first workshop on the basics of step-up, houses, audits and improvements at the Church of the Brethren, 4413 Tuckerman Street.. The presentation and a question & answer session will address:

- ◆What are the benefits and requirements of participating in STEP-UP?
- ◆What basic house terminology and building science principles will help one better understand the audit and its results?
- ◆How does one find an energy auditor?
- ◆What will be done during the audit? What will come out of it?
- ◆What are the typical issues that are found? What are the typical recommendations made?
- ◆What financial incentives are available for making improvements?
- ◆What are the economics of making improvements (i.e. typical out of pocket costs, cost effectiveness, return on investment, simple payback)?

RSVP, Please

To RSVP for the April 9 workshop, provide suggestions for future meetings, obtain STEP-UP informational materials, schedule an energy-coaching session, ask a specific question or volunteer, please contact Energy Coach Suzanne Parmet at energycoach@upmd.org or 240-695-3991.

We intend to hold a meeting on a topic of general interest every month or so. Future workshops will include: energy supply options/issues (including conventional HVAC alternatives, photovoltaics, solar hot water, geothermal, and choice of energy suppliers), window replacement issues (including window types, U-Value and Solar Heat Gain Coefficient, historic preservation issues and bulk purchasing opportunities), and the nuts and bolts of air sealing and insulation.

As of March, 110 households UP have signed up to participate, and forty-six UP households have had or scheduled a whole-house energy audit. At least one homeowner has completed energy efficiency improvements in 2011 based on their energy audit and several additional homeowners have signed a contract or are reviewing proposals, for energy efficiency improvements based on their energy audits.

WOMAN'S CLUB UPDATE

The Brazilian Amazon

Monday, April 4, 12:30 PM

Dr. Ted McConnell, UMD Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics will be the speaker for the UP Woman's Club April meeting. Dr. McConnell will share his work and show slides of the Brazilian Amazon. This program is part of the Woman's Club emphasis on international outreach. Lunch will be served at Noon. A business meeting will follow the program. The meeting is held at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church. Visitors are welcome.

UPWC's membership is open to all women of University Park and surrounding communities. The Woman's Club is a volunteer service organization providing fellowship, service, and leadership opportunities for its members. UPWC is the sponsor of cultural and educational events in the community. For more information on membership or the program, contact UPWC President Anna-Mae Kobbe at 301-277-0414 or amkobbe@aol.com.



Spring Garden Tour

Sunday, May 1, 1:30-4:30 PM

The spring garden tour organized by the University Park Woman's Club is coming soon. This popular event highlights the beauty of the community and provides you with an opportunity to gather gardening ideas. The tour is free and open to the public.

On the day of the tour, you may pick up a map that will direct you to the designated gardens. Members of the Woman's Club will distribute maps from the parking lot of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church beginning at 1 PM. For additional information about the tour, contact Birgit Brill, Garden Tour Chair at 301-779-9179.

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February 7 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Lucas, Toscano, Carey, McPherson, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón; Town employees PWD Director Beall, Treasurer Baden and Town Clerk Headley.

Public Comment

Ms. Sarah Heitkemper, co-president of the University Park Civic Association, distributed a schedule of planned community events. Planned events include the annual stream clean-up on April 16, the Town-wide yard sale on May 14, as well as the Fourth of July Parade, the Chili Cook-Off, the Christmas Tree lighting and other events. She requested assistance from Town Hall in planning the annual Fourth of July parade. She mentioned installing American flag banners on the lighting fixtures along Queens Chapel Road. Mayor Tabori recommended that Ms. Heitkemper contact Ms. Warren and Ms. Mosely on the 75th Anniversary Committee for assistance.

CM Lucas cautioned that the stream clean-up date was around the time that the mallard ducks will be nesting with their eggs. The clean-up teams need to make sure the ducks are not disturbed.

Permits

Application to Construct a Shed, 6719 44th Avenue

The Applicant attended the meeting and answered questions from the Council and the Mayor. The structure is to be a child's playhouse with an attached swing set and sliding board. The playhouse has an upper story to provide access to the top of the sliding board. Mayor Tabori commented on the fact that the Prince George's County permits office has not ruled consistently in granting or denying permits for outbuilding structures. In this permit, the shed's porch was not included in the square footage calculation. Ms. Headley provided a summary of her discussions with the homeowner and the County permits office regarding this permit. Applicant said the property was surrounded by a four foot chain link fence, to ensure unsupervised children could not gain access to the structure. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori introduced Mr. Todd Stewart, co-editor of the Town newsletter. Mr. Stewart described the work he and Ms. Warren have started for the March edition of the newsletter.

Mayor Tabori said that University Park has begun talking with Mr. Ken Dunn regarding the Nine Pond improvements and storm water management. Mayor Tabori said he hopes to bring further information on this topic to the Council at the February 28th meeting. Mayor Tabori said there are a number of issues emerging around the development of the Cafritz property.

Mayor Tabori was very pleased to report that the Eagle Scout ceremony was held with great success and beautifully recognized the hard work and dedication of the young men being honored.

CM Lucas invited Mayor Tabori to say a few words about his experience judging the University Park Elementary School science fair recently. Mayor Tabori said he was deeply impressed by the scientific knowledge demonstrated by the participants.

UPPWD Director Beall reported that the last Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) crew was working on Tuckerman and Sheridan streets. The crew is carrying out trench repair as well as curb and gutter work. The grant on replacing the boiler in Town Hall is progressing. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation grant for a bioretention rain garden at Queens Chapel Road is under discussion. Radios have been installed in all of the University Park Public Works vehicles. Handheld units are also available for people working away from the trucks. CM Carey asked about the flood insurance rate map. He asked if there would be parts of the Town in the flood plain. Mr. Beall said there were already structures within the 100-year flood plain.

Ms. Headley reported on activities at Town Hall.

Mr. Wilson provided an update on the progress made on the STEP-UP! project.

Continuing Business

Town Repair and Maintenance Plan Mayor Tabori said he is in the process of developing a description of the work to be done under the street repair plan.

Proposed Grants Criteria Amendment CM Bradley Chacón introduced the following motion: To approve/disapprove amending the Grants Criteria document incorporated in the Resolution Re: Community Grants Criteria to change the grants application deadline and to

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require that the Community Service Grants application deadline be published in the Town newsletter and website for three months prior to the application deadline.

CM Mallino said she would vote against the motion. She said she has come to believe that the grants process is burdensome and should be replaced with appropriations. CM Carey said he would agree to a simpler process. CMs Mallino, Carey and Bradley Chacón discussed these concerns. CM Toscano said that she felt the responsibility and purview for the appropriations rightfully belonged to the Mayor. Mayor Tabori said he would prefer not to have this debate this evening. CM Mallino moved to table the motion.

Vote to table the motion: Yea: 4 (Mallino, Lucas, McPherson, Toscano) Nay: 3 (Carey, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón).

New Business

FY 2011 Budget Six Month Update Mr. Baden reviewed the Fiscal Year 2011 six-month update. Mr. Baden said the prior year surplus amount will be a little larger than expected. CM Mallino said she was impressed with the status of the budget. Mayor Tabori said that University Park has been invited to share our budget planning process at the upcoming Maryland Municipal League (MML) conference.

Consideration of Three Community Grant Proposals

Mayor Tabori reviewed the grant request amounts. He discussed the activities around designating houses in the community as part of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) walking tour. CM Toscano disclosed that she is a board member of ATHA. CM Mallino said she would prefer to see the monies placed in a draw-down account and the groups would request the funds as needed. Motion to approve the following grant requests: LUP Boys and Girls Club, \$2500; ATHA Matching Grant, \$1800; TUP 75th Anniversary Committee, \$4200. Motion approved 7 to 0.

The Meeting adjourned at 10 PM.



Lost Pet Database To register your pet, report a lost or found pet, please call Linda Verrill at 301-927-6743. Have your pets wear their tags or a microchip at all times so they can be identified.

February 28 Council Meeting Highlights

Present were Mayor Tabori; Council Members Mallino, Lucas, Toscano, Carey, McPherson, O'Connor, Bradley Chacón; Town employees Chief Wynnyk, Lieutenant McCully.

Public Comment

Ms. Sarah Moseley, co-chair of the University Park 75th Anniversary Celebration Committee, reported on planning activities. Four major events are planned for this calendar year. On April 9, during the Azalea Classic, the Town clock will be dedicated in front of University Park Elementary School. The 75th Anniversary Committee will partner with the Civic Association and other sponsors for the July 4th parade; a September 11 remembrance observance will be held at the 9-11 Memorial and the Town's Grand Celebration weekend will take place from October 8th through October 10.

Ms. Moseley said she has been in contact with Mr. Brian J. Jones, the official biographer for Jim Henson. Mr. Jones is planning to come to University Park to interview residents who knew Mr. Henson. September 24 would have been Mr. Henson's 75th birthday. Ms. Moseley suggested that the Town hold an event to honor the memory of Mr. Henson. One possibility would be to rename the area around the Town Christmas tree as *Henson Green*. This ties together both the Town's efforts around energy conservation and Kermit the Frog's motto that, "It isn't easy being green."

Mayor Tabori said he has talked with the Civic Association about the July 4th celebration. The Civic Association has requested that American flags be added to the light poles along Queens Chapel Road as additional decorations. Mayor Tabori said it may also be possible to install a banner commemorating the Town's chartering. The original copy of the Town Charter has been located in Town Hall.

Permits

Request to Hold Peaceful Public Demonstration Ms. Nicole Lucier, a Town resident, provided background details on the planned demonstration. The protest group organized by the Rev. Fred Phelps is planning to picket Northwestern High School. Ms. Lucier said a number of church groups, including Church of the Brethren and students from the University of Maryland, were planning to counter-demonstrate. CM Bradley Chacón asked how

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the school administration planned to handle the situation. Mayor Tabori said there were some additional complexities to this request. The Town cannot issue a permit for Adelphi Road, but can issue a permit for a staging area within the Town.

Chief Wynnyk said that he has been in contact with the Hyattsville police chief, the Prince George's County district commander, and Metro police. He said that plans have been prepared to manage the situation. To approve the request to hold a peaceful public demonstration to stage on Van Buren Street on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Departmental Reports

Mayor Tabori said that he has met with Attorney Ferguson and Town Engineer Sidhu in order to prepare for the street paving request for proposal (RFP). The RFP should be ready for release by the end of March. The bids will be read on April 22.

Mayor Tabori asked the Council to create a Budget Committee to improve and facilitate communications during the upcoming budget year, which he anticipates will be very complex and complicated. He will submit the budget to the Council for review on March 31st.

Mayor Tabori discussed and explained the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). A CIP is an infrastructure plan. University Park currently allocated infrastructure expenses according to line items in the budget, i.e. police cars are purchased under the Police Department, trash trucks are purchased under Public Works and so on. The CIP pulls together all of the infrastructure-related expenses in a way that can be used for budget forecasting and planning to understand future costs. CM Carey asked if work on the stream would come under the CIP. Mayor Tabori said that he thought it would. Mayor Tabori noted that while the overall rate of inflation may be low, the Town's budget is very sensitive to fuel costs and bond rates.

CM O'Connor asked if there were any other people who could provide assistance or expertise to the Council on budget matters. CM Mallino said there are professional associations that provide economic and budget information in some areas. CM Bradley Chacón asked how many people should be on the Committee and how often it would need to meet. Mayor Tabori said there

should be no more than three members and there would probably be between two and six meetings. CM McPherson asked if there had been any changes to the order of street paving activities. Mayor Tabori said there were adjustments being made, based on the extent of WSSC water line and sewer replacement activities.

The Mayor and Council members had a lengthy discussion of several current bills before the Maryland State Legislature. These bills would severely damage the autonomy and authority of the Prince George's County municipalities and obliterate the authority of the District Council in the planning process.

Chief Wynnyk discussed the January 2011 Crime Statistics report. Chief Wynnyk reported that the Public Safety Forums that were held last year spurred the development of a neighborhood watch. Recently there was a car crash in the neighborhood. Town residents Mr. Ed Wells and Mr. Julio Chavez heard the crash and went to see what had happened. The extremely intoxicated driver tried to flee the scene, and Mr. Wells and Mr. Chavez apprehended the person and held him until police arrived. Chief Wynnyk presented Mr. Wells with a Chief's Citation, which included a plaque and small honorarium. Mr. Chavez was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Wynnyk next recognized Mr. Pete Griva, who has been responsible for upgrades and improvements to the Town's police and public works radios. Thanks to Mr. Griva's expert assistance, the Town's radio electronics have been refurbished and upgraded. Chief Wynnyk presented Mr. Griva with a Chief's Citation, which included a plaque and small honorarium.

Continuing Business

Update on Belcrest Plaza/Landy Project Mayor Tabori reported that funds have been obtained to carry out the Nine Pond engineering study. The developers with projects in the area have contributed the funding.

Charter Amendment Legislative Resolution 11-O-01 To approve the adoption of Charter Amendment Legislative Resolution 11-O-01, amending Article III, "Mayor and Common Council", Section 311, "Enactment of Ordinances", of said Charter to delete the option that allows one-half of the persons who voted in the last general election to petition an ordinance to referendum and

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to retain the option that allows 20% of the qualified voters of the Town to petition an ordinance to referendum. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Motion to Suspend Community Grant Criteria for FY2012 To approve the suspension for FY2012 of Town of University Park Community Grant Criteria adopted for application and administration of grants applicable in FY2011. This motion of suspension will allow the Mayor and Council to 1) discuss at greater length the type of organizations deemed eligible for a community grant, 2) develop a process and timeline that considers both the appropriation of grants and the disbursement of funds, and 3) allow for timely dissemination of this information to the public. Motion approved 6 to 0, 1 abstain (Bradley Chacon).

Budget Adjustments Adoption To approve the adoption of the budget adjustments as proposed in the Treasurer's memo dated February 3, 2011. Motion approved 7 to 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

TOWN NOTICE

AN ELECTION FOR
the Town of University Park for
the Office of Council Member for
Wards Two, Four, Five, and Six
will be conducted on

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011
8 AM-8:00 PM

Riverdale Presbyterian Church
6513 Queens Chapel Road

DEADLINE

To file as a Candidate or
register as a new voter is
Monday, April 4, 2011

Residents wishing to vote in the upcoming election must be:

1. a citizen of the United States,
2. 18 years of age or older on the date of the Election,
3. a resident of University Park, and
4. registered to vote at least 30 days prior to the Election.

To Register Contact the County Board of Elections at 301-430-8020 (TDD 301-627-3352) or the Town Hall at 301-927-4262.

Candidates: Contact Town Hall for a candidate packet.

Deadline for Write-in Candidates: Thursday, April 28, 2011

TOWN EVENTS



Saturday, April 9

The 10th Annual University Park Azalea Classic will be bigger, better—and earlier—than ever before! With only a few weeks to go, runners and walkers can register online for this special event sponsored by the Town of University Park and the UPES PTA.

This year's family friendly fitness event to benefit the UPES PTA includes a kick-off of the 75th founding of the Town of University Park (see page 9). Registration and packet pick-up is Friday, April 8, 4-8pm in the UPES gym.

The annual Azalea Classic t-shirt will feature a colorful logo commemorating the 10th Annual Azalea Classic and the 75th anniversary of University Park and the post-race party will feature two cakes for event participants to enjoy as we celebrate these occasions.

Come and be cheered on by friendly neighbors and local bands. Runners of every age and fitness can pick from three events:

5K Run USTF certified course features moderately rolling hills.

1 Mile Challenge Run Kids 8 to 12 can race for prizes in this one mile challenge.

1K Family Fun Run Our youngest participants can join in the excitement.

Medals for all participants in the 1 Mile Challenge and 1K runs. Prizes awarded in all categories of the 5K Run. Post race party with food and a great DJ. For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.azaleaclassic.com.

Join Us: 75th Anniversary Kicks Off!

Saturday April 9, 8 AM



The Town of University Park will kick off the 75th Anniversary celebrations with a ribbon cutting ceremony to dedicate the Town Clock and to begin the countdown to the 10th Azalea Classic.

At the Post-Race Party, join town dignitaries and the 75th Committee to share an Anniversary Cake and to hear plans for the future 75th events.

The Committee is looking for photos, historic artifacts, genealogies and papers (particularly original property deeds or advertisements) that you might loan or have copied for the exhibit. The Committee also is looking for long-time residents and those who grew up here, who might be interviewed for an oral history of the Town. Please contact Town Hall if you are willing to provide materials or participate in any of the Committee's activities. A historical exhibit will open on Columbus Day weekend and the 75th Anniversary Committee welcomes your assistance with this project.

The 75th Anniversary Committee in conjunction with the Town's Historical Preservation Society received a \$2,000 grant from the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) to create a walking tour and registry of historic houses and places here in University Park. The Town will match the ATHA grant with \$1,800 and will administer the funds.

UPES Prospective Parents Open House

Friday, April 29, 8:30-10 AM



University Park Elementary School is hosting an Open House Visit for parents of prospective students. Parents will meet Principal Nancy Schickner and Vice Principal Massa Freeman, PTA board members, teachers, hosting parents, take a tour of the school and learn about all the great events for

incoming families. Come and see all the great things happening at UPES! For more information, please call Becky Widman at 301-779-0848 or the UPES School Office at 301-985-1898.

University Park Fun Facts

Fun Facts are short items from oral histories and family stories. If you know something interesting about University Park, send a note to Sarah Moseley, sarahnmosley@verizon.net, 6517 Adelphi Rd., UP. Please add the line "UP Fun Facts" at the bottom left of the envelope and include a return address and phone number.

At this time, *Fun Fact 4* Sergey Brin has received the most comments. Several people who knew the family tell us the Brins never lived in UP but there are other folks who think he did. We do know the Brins did live in CHE. We still need more work on this Fun Fact.

Below is an excerpt from the magazine *Moment, Independent Journalism from a Jewish Perspective*:

When the family finally landed in America on October 25, they were met at New York's Kennedy Airport by friends from Moscow. Sergey's first memory of the United States was of sitting in the backseat of the car, amazed at all the giant automobiles on the highway as their hosts drove them home to Long Island.

The Brins found a house to rent in Maryland—a simple, cinder-block structure in a lower-middle-class neighborhood not far from the university campus. With a \$2,000 loan from the Jewish community, they bought a 1973 Ford Maverick. And, at Katok's suggestion, they enrolled Sergey in Paint Branch Montessori School in Adelphi, Maryland. (Excerpt by Mark Malseed, coauthor of *The Google Story*.)

Fun Fact 5

John Aler is an American lyric tenor known for his performances in concerts, recitals, and operas. He lives in University Park and is particularly known for his interpretations of the works of Mozart, Rossini, Donizetti, Bellini and Handel.



Fun Fact 6

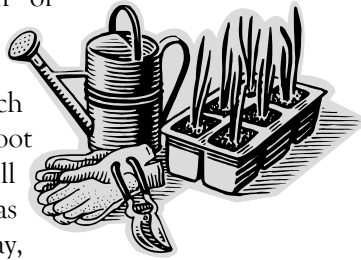
Maureen Fiedler, SL, has hosted Interfaith Voices on WAMU since 2002. Maureen also recently published *Breaking Through the Stained Glass Ceiling: Women Religious Leaders in Their Own Words*. And yes, Maureen does live in University Park!

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Local Mulch Sale

Saturday, April 2, 8 AM

University Park Church of the Brethren will be selling good quality shredded hardwood mulch this spring. Two-cubic-foot bags of mulch \$3 each will be available for as long as supplies last on Saturday, April 2 in the Church parking lot at the corner of Tuckerman Street and Route 1. To order in advance, please email upcob2@verizon.net or call 301-864-4328. Free curbside delivery to destinations within a reasonable distance from the church will be available for advance-prepaid orders of 15 bags or more.



TOWN TEEN WORKER LIST

The following young residents are interested in finding summer jobs around our Town. Please save this list and call them if you need any of the services they are offering. If you are a teen with a service and forgot to turn your name in to the Editor, you will need to wait for the fall-winter listing in the October 2011 newsletter.

Franny Ashcraft, 16, 301-927-4996, Ward 1
Babysitting and pet care

Emily Rhodes, 18, 301-275-5913,
emily@emilyrhodes.com, Ward 1
Experienced child care and pet care

Michelle Williams, 16, 240-688-8346,
michelle.s.williams77@gmail.com, Ward 2
Experienced, reliable, 4-H certified babysitter, pet sitting and walking, lawn mowing, leaf raking, snow shoveling, gardening, odd jobs

Justin McPherson, 17, 301-779-5249, Ward 3
Odd jobs and snow shoveling

Calee Hayes, 13, 301-910-2660, caleehayes@gmail.com,
Ward 4
Pet sitting and walking

Nicolas Ruth, 16, 301-789-4940, Nicolas.ruth5@gmail.com, Ward 6
Yard work, babysitting and pet sitting

Important Tax Time Note

Don't forget to use University Park as your address when completing your Maryland taxes.

Town services are partly paid for by a share of our State taxes. The State only provides this share if University Park (not Hyattsville) is given as your legal address.



Reminder: UPCCC Clothing Sale

Saturday, April 2, 10 AM-Noon

Summer is just around the corner, so remember the great opportunity the University Park Children's Clothing Co-op provides for purchasing quality "pre-washed and gently worn" spring and summer clothing for children from infants to teens. Featured items will include seasonal clothing and accessories, swim items, rainwear, books, toys, videos, DVDs, maternity items, baby and layette equipment.

The 2011 UPCCC Spring/Summer Sale is at Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, UP. Please be aware that checks are accepted only from UP Town residents for amounts over \$40 and those purchases must be made separately in the various sale rooms.



Persons who would like to be Mailing List Members for the 2011 Fall/Winter Sale, should submit their name, address and 50¢ to any cashier when at the April sale. Each Mailing List Member will receive a postcard that allows entry to the sale at 9 AM, prior to the general public.

For details, please contact the president, Ellen Thorp at 301-277-3040 or thorp.ellen@gmail.com. For 34 years, this wonderful semi-annual sale has afforded UP residents and other conscientious shoppers the perfect way to cut the cost of their children's clothing budget without ever setting foot in a store!

Annual Town Stream Cleanup

Saturday, April 16, 9 AM-Noon



Good deeds create good feelings! The annual Town Stream Cleanup will be held rain or shine. Groups, residents and friends are encouraged to join in beautifying our park and stream during this event sponsored by the University Park Civic Association (UPCA) and the Town Stream Committee. We'll meet at the Riverdale

Presbyterian Church Parking Lot. There will be coffee, juice, doughnuts and trash bags for all. Please bring gloves. We'll have gloves and a few waders, but encourage you to bring your own.

There will also be demonstrations of conservation and preservation efforts by the Town Stream Committee. Student community service hours can be earned and documented. Come out to enjoy the work and fun. If you have questions, contact Kate Beveridge at (301) 277-4485 or bbeve@verizon.net.

For several years, the UPCA's Stream Cleanup has been part of the 4-state, 600+ site Alice Ferguson Foundation's Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Since 1989, more than 90,000 volunteers from 425 partner organizations have tugged over five million pounds of trash from the water-shed's streams, rivers and bays. Visit http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.shtml for more information.

Neighborhood Science Series Kicks Off with John Mather, Nobel Laureate

Saturday, April 30, 3 PM

Dr. John Mather, our local Nobel Laureate, will inaugurate the Neighborhood Science Series organized by Community Solar at the Church of the Brethren.

Dr. Mather will talk about becoming a scientist, winning the Nobel Prize in Physics and the history of the NASA COBE satellite which detected the first light in the universe. There will be time for questions and autographs.

This is a wonderful event for budding scientist, students and anyone interested in meeting a scientist.

May Fair: Hold the Date & Volunteer

Saturday, May 14 from 11 AM-3 PM

The UPES PTA's 42nd annual May Fair will be held rain or shine. All proceeds benefit UPES-PTA projects for the school. Local clubs, organizations, groups and businesses can join in the fun by registering now to for a booth with the Fair Chair (contact info below). This traditional family event has been anticipated by young and old for over 40 years. All Town residents and friends are invited to enjoy the food, a bake sale, make-and-take crafts, carnival games & prizes, a moon bounce, horse and pony rides, miniature golf, jousting, a basket raffle and entertainment!

Pre-sale May Fair tickets will also be available at the school the week before. Tickets for this year's school play will first go on sale at May Fair and sell out very quickly.

Adult and student volunteers are needed. Students may earn community service hours. To register your booth, volunteer or for more info, please contact Co-chairs Steven Benson steven.benson@navy.mil, Maby Palmisano mabyp2002@yahoo.com or Sheilla Salicrup sheilla-salicrup@yahoo.com.

UPHPA Event: Replacing Historic Windows

Wednesday, April 20, 7:30-9 PM



Many Town residents have considered whether or not to trade their historically important original windows for updated models with claims of energy efficiency. Locating objective, reliable information to help make this decision is often the first step of a long and difficult process that can cost more than you planned. Join the University Park Historic Preservation Association in April for some real answers.

We will welcome John Sandor of the National Park Service to the organization's April meeting. Mr. Sandor, from Technical Preservation Services of NPS, will discuss research that can help homeowners make evidence-based cost benefit analyses about window replacement. He will also discuss ways of modifying existing windows to improve weather-proofing. Before you sign that contract, bring your questions to Custis Hall of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6606 Queen's Chapel Road.

LUP Spring T-Ball Clinic & Registration

Saturday, April 2, 4-5 PM

We are kicking off our spring T-ball season by holding registration and a clinic at Riverdale Neighborhood Park for ages 5-7 (as of September 1, 2011). After the clinic/registration, we will assign the kids to teams depending upon the level of participation. Directions to the field: From UP, follow Tuckerman east across Route 1, go two blocks and turn right on 46th Ave., the field is on your left. In the event of inclement weather, we will hold the registration and clinic at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the same field.



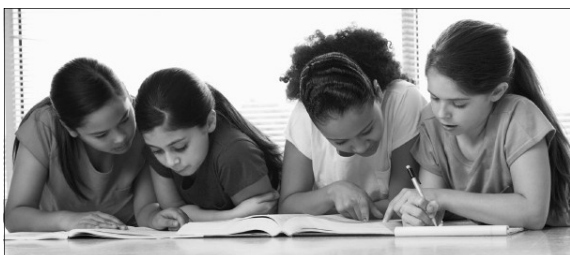
Registration Please bring a completed registration form and payment to the kick-off clinic. Checks should be made out to LUPBGC. Registration forms are on the website at www.lupsports.com.

Games will be held at Riverdale Park on Saturday afternoons from 4-5 PM beginning on April 9-May 21 (8 games total). Practices will be held at Riverdale Park on Thursday nights at 5:30-6:30 PM from April 7-May 19.

Equipment Cleats are recommended for games and practices (no steel spikes are allowed). Your child should wear a hat and bring a baseball glove to the clinic, games and practices. You can find cleats and gloves at local sports stores. Team hats and t-shirts will be supplied.

We need coaches-at least two per team and three is better. Experience welcome but not required. Please volunteer! Please do not leave your child unattended for the clinic, practices or games. A responsible adult must be present in order for your child to participate.

If you are unable to attend the clinic or have questions about anything related to this program or to volunteer as a coach, please contact Todd Betke at todd.betke@gmail.com or 301-864-0799.



Great Decisions 2011



Town residents, friends and others are invited to join this discussion series offered by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA). The group meets bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 7:30-9 PM at University Park Church of the Brethren. For more details, please call Maxie Phillips at 301-927-0857 and visit www.fpa.org.

Germany Ascendant April 7 Germany has emerged from both the financial crisis and the Eurozone crisis as the dominant economic and political power in Europe ~ in particular, setting the tone for dealings with Russia, Eastern Europe and Iran. How important is it for U.S. interests to enhance relations with Germany and how should the U.S. react when German and U.S. interests fail to align?

Sanctions and Nonproliferation April 21 Sanctions have been created to curb nations in violation of international law, especially agreements concerning nuclear nonproliferation. How successfully have sanctions been applied against past violators? Is there any chance sanctions can curtail North Korea and Iran from continuing to develop nuclear weapons?

The Caucasus May 12 All the countries and regions of the Caucasus have strong national identities but they have long lived in the shadow of their larger neighbors: Russia, Iran, and Turkey. How does this influence the Caucasus of today? How do the region's energy resources play into its relations with the outside world?

Global Governance May 26 International cooperation subjects political leaders to an ongoing test: balancing national needs with a commitment to building a durable international order. How has an increasingly interconnected and shrinking world affected the viability of existing agreements and institutions? What economic, social, political, and security concerns are currently on the agendas of intergovernmental bodies, and what is the future U.S. role?

Patch.com is looking for University Park's Whiz Kids. Each week, Patch will feature one child or a group as our week's Whiz Kids. They can be stellar in school, great leaders, artists, dancers or athletes! Anyone can nominate. Send their name, age, why they should be a Whiz Kid and your contact info to sarah.wayland@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES



Angela M. Ball, 92, a longtime resident of University Park, MD, died on February 23, 2011 at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, MD. She died of pneumonia and other complications resulting from a hip fracture. Born on July 4, 1918 in South Bend, Indiana, Angela lived in the Washington, DC area for 72 years.

She came to Washington in 1939 to work for the War Department, where she met her husband, William Howard Ball when they were both members of the Wanderbirds' Hiking Club. She graduated from George Washington University with an Associate of Arts Degree in 1946, the same year that she married Howard Ball. Angela worked as secretary in the College of Physical Education, Recreation and Health at the University of Maryland from 1965 to 1983. Her most recent position at the college was as secretary to the Dean.

Angela was an active member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church in Hyattsville, MD where she was a member of the choir for 50 years, from 1960 to 2010. She was honored by her pastor, Rev. James Stack in 2010 for this service. She wrote a well-regarded history of St. Jerome's Catholic Church that was published in 1959 and updated in 1986 for the centennial of the parish. For this achievement and other services, she received the Order of Merit award in 2004 from the Archdiocese of Washington.

She was also honored by the Prince George's County Historical Society for her parish history when she received the St. George's Day Award in 1987. The Columbian Ladies Guild of the Prince George's Council of the Knights of Columbus named her Lady of the Year in 1997. Angela was also Town newsletter editor.

Angela was preceded in death by her twin brother John and her brothers Anthony and Edmund Hosinski. Her husband William Howard Ball passed in 1971. She is survived by her daughter Caroline A. Ball of University Park, MD; her sons, Joseph A. Ball of Blacksburg VA; Michael O. Ball of Silver Spring, MD and Gregory F. Ball of Baltimore, MD and 5 grandchildren: Victoria, Stephanie, Bryan, John and Alice Ball.



Suzanne "Suzy" J. Beicken, 66, passed away February 13 of colon cancer. Suzy was a lecturer, music administrator and concert manager at the University of Maryland's School of Music. She was also a co-founder of the Grammy Award-winning Maryland Boy Choir, now in its 28th season.

A longtime Van Buren St. resident, Suzy was a gifted teacher at UMD since 1980. She taught courses on 18th-century music, Mozart, women in music and arts management. From 1981-2006, she produced the annual UMD Scholarship Benefit Series, presenting faculty artists performing with students and special guests to raise scholarship funds for music majors. In 1991, she helped establish the School of Music's board of visitors and was active in fundraising, development and event planning for the school.

In 2001, Dr. Beicken published her translation, with commentary, of Johann Adam Hiller's "Treatise on Vocal Performance and Ornamentation" from 1780 with Cambridge University Press.

Suzanne Julia Bartel was born in New York City and was a graduate of Columbia University. She studied musicology at the University of Munich in Germany from 1966 to 1968. She received a master's degree in 1969 and a doctorate in 1980, both in musicology from Stanford University.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, Peter U. Beicken of University Park; and two children, Sascha P. Beicken of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Julie A. Beicken of Austin, TX.

A memorial celebration and concert will take place at Dekelbourn Concert Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland, on April 3 at 7:30 PM. Contributions may be made to the University of Maryland College Park Foundation in memory of Suzy Beicken to establish a scholarship fund for students majoring in music. Contributions may be mailed to Development Dept, Suzanne J. Beicken Memorial Gifts, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, Suite 3800, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Penguins and More Tuesday, April 12, 7:30 pm Birding the Falklands, South Georgia, and the Antarctic Peninsula with Linda Weir and Nancy Golden. In January 2011, Linda and Nancy traveled south to see as many penguins as possible. Come enjoy photos of seven species of penguins (King, Adelie, Chinstrap, Gentoo, Magellanic, Macaroni and Rockhopper) and other birding highlights. Linda Weir is a wildlife biologist at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and Nancy Golden is a wildlife toxicologist with US Fish & Wildlife Service. Prince George's Audubon Society, College Park Airport Annex, College Park, MD. Non-members are always welcome.

Bird Walks 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6 PM The Prince George's Audubon Society and Patuxent Bird Club hosts mid-week walks at the Luther Goldman Birding Trail in Lake Artemesia's Natural Area Park. Both beginners and experts are welcome and bird checklists are available. No reservations needed; just meet at the parking lot located at Berwyn Road and Ballew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. A map and directions are at www.pgaudubon.org. For more info, please call 301-459-3375.

What's David Harrington Listening To? Tuesday, April 12, 5:30 pm The UMD Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center's Take Five Tuesday season concludes with the artistic director of the Kronos Quartet in this lively listening party as he shares his latest musical discoveries, sources, and inspirations. You'll gain deeper insight into Harrington's artistic vision, which helps the Kronos Quartet redefine the idea of the string quartet and boldly perform an eclectic range of contemporary classical music. Leah M. Smith Lecture Hall, Room 2200. For information, visit www.claricesmithcenter.umd.edu or call 301-405 2787.

HY-LI Book Group Saturday, April 16, 3 PM Join the Hyattsville Library's afternoon book group to discuss Michael G. Trachtman's *The Supremes' Greatest Hits*. Trachtman explains Supreme Court decisions that have had the greatest impact on US history and on the lives of everyday Americans. This updated edition includes a new chapter on how President Obama could impact the future of the Supreme Court. Trachtman is founder and president of a litigation and business practice law firm. Everyone is welcome. Hyattsville Branch Library, 6530 Adelphi Rd., 301-985-4690.



MARYLAND²⁰¹¹ DAY EXPLORE OUR WORLD!

Saturday, April 30, 10 AM-4 PM

The University of Maryland's popular and free open house celebrates its 13th anniversary. This annual event is a great opportunity to have fun, learn and explore rain or shine. Admission and parking are free.

All over Maryland's 1250 acre campus, visitors can Explore Our World with tours, exhibits and demonstrations. The university is broken up into six specific areas: Science and Tech Way, Ag Day Avenue, Arts Alley, Sports and Rec Row, Biz and Society Hill and Terp Town Center.

Don't miss the Cooking Stage hosted by alumna Joy Bauer, now The Today Show's nutrition and health expert. She'll also be providing samples of her best recipes, health talks and book signings. On the Big Top stage, alumnus Jeff Kinney, author of the popular series *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* will speak and then do a book signing.

Maryland sports fans can collect autographs with their favorite Terp men and women's basketball players. The National Archives, NASA, NIST and Smithsonian Institution will all be at Maryland Day with exhibits, information and fun.

Plan your day at <http://www.marylandday.umd.edu/> or email questions to: mddayhelp@umd.edu.



Heavy Metal Parking Lot Friday, April 8, 7:30 pm Documentarian Jeff Krulik presents a 25th anniversary showing of a piece of Prince George's County history that's become a cult classic and spawned a whole genre of documentary. Parental discretion advised.

This free event for adults and older kids is part of the Cultural Connections series of College Park Arts Exchange, a local non-profit organization, supported in part by the Prince George's Arts Council and the City of College Park. For more information, contact us at info@cpae.org or 301-927-3013. Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road, College Park.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Locally Grown, Fresh Food



The Riverdale Park Farmers Market's opening day will be Thursday, April 14 from 3 to 7PM. This is a Producers Only market with great local music performers. Go to their website at www.rpfarmersmarket.org for information on vendors and current happenings at the market.

The Greenbelt Farmers Market will open on Sundays from 10 AM to 2 PM beginning May 8. Visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org for more details.

You can eat locally year round by shopping at the Takoma Park Farmers Market, 6900 block of Laurel Ave. This producers-only market offers produce grown locally within a 12.5-mile radius. It is open every Sunday from 10 AM to 2 PM. To see what is available at the 23 stalls, please visit www.takomaparkmarket.com.

The Resurrectionist King

Mary Resing of Underwood Street is artistic director and executive producer of University Park's Active Cultures Theatre. Their current show, *The Resurrectionist King*, is based on the true story of an infamous grave robber and local folk hero who robbed local cemeteries to get cadavers for DC's medical schools. Jansen was hounded by the police but loved by the press. *The Resurrectionist King* follows Jansen's disastrous attempt to create a play about his grave-robbing exploits. Through April 17 at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3309 Bunker Hill Rd., Mt Rainier. Tickets \$20/\$10 students and are on sale at www.activecultures.org.



Library Volunteer Needed

The Hyattsville English Conversation Club meets Tuesday evenings 7:30-9 PM at the Library and provides people learning English a chance to practice speaking in a friendly, non-threatening atmosphere. It is not a class, so people from diverse backgrounds and any level of proficiency can participate without having to do homework or feel pressured to perform. Previously, Librarian Maria Escobedo enjoyed the help of two UP volunteers. If you might have time on Tuesday evenings, please contact Ms. Escobedo at 301-985-4690 or Maria.Escobedo@pgcmls.info.

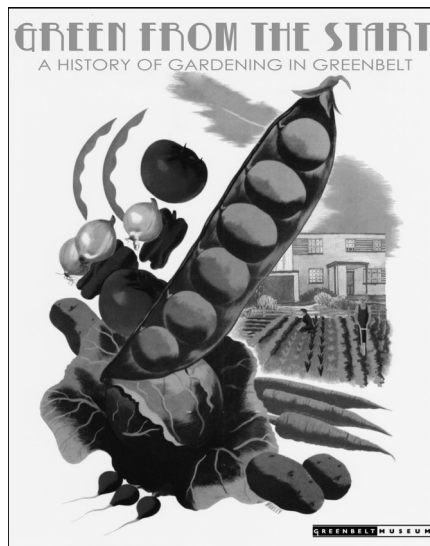
Greenbelt Events

All events are free, open to the public and take place at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt MD.

Arts of Africa: Artful Afternoon Sunday, April 3 1-3 PM Try mud cloth painting while you learn about the textiles of the Ivory Coast and Mali. **3 PM** Lesole's Dance Project will perform the exciting Zulu, gumboot, and urban street dances of South Africa. Participation will be invited from audience volunteers who are ready to move! 301-397-2208.

Designing an Urban Potager with Cynthia Brown

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 PM A traditional French kitchen garden—potager—mingles vegetables, fruits, flowers and herbs to make the function of providing food for the table aesthetically pleasing. An urban potager uses every inch of available space, growing edibles and ornamentals on balconies, patios, porches and rooftops. Cindy Brown will eliminate excuses for excluding edibles with suggestions on what edibles to grow, unusual ways to grow them and how to do it all with style! Brown is the Smithsonian Gardens' Education Specialist and Manager of Collections and Education. She is a regular contributor to *Washington Gardener* magazine and the *Washington Post* blog *AllWeCanEat/Groundworks*. She is a frequent speaker at many venues. Presented by the Greenbelt Museum, Multipurpose Room #201, 301-507-6582.



Green from the Start: A History of Gardening in Greenbelt. This fun and colorful exhibition explores the many ways that Greenbelt has been "green" from the start. Greenbelt's history has always been intertwined with gardening. Through January 2012.



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NEWSLETTER

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